The 83rd Legislature Is Over – Or Is It?
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May 27, 2013, the 83rd Regular Session of the Texas Legislature was gaveled to an end – adjourning “Sine Die,” a Latin phrase meaning “without day.”

Governor Rick Perry quickly called lawmakers back for a 30-day special session to consider redistricting maps and late-term abortions. That session ended with a high-profile, eleven-hour filibuster by Senator Wendy Davis and a disruption of proceedings by outraged protesters in the Senate gallery.

The jubilation on the part of pro-choice Texans quickly dissipated as Gov. Perry called a second special session to begin within days. This time, the abortion legislation passed smoothly, if not quietly, but legislation related to highway construction spurred a protest died on the 30th day. Again, Gov. Perry would not take “no” for an answer, and just over an hour after lawmakers ended their second special session, the governor called lawmakers back for a third one, with transportation funding the only issue on the agenda. So much for “limited government.”

Meanwhile, there is a tremendous amount of jockeying for position for statewide offices for 2014, subsequent to Gov. Perry’s announcement that he will not seek another term. A quick rundown of the races:

Governor – The current Attorney General George Abbott (R) is the presumptive favorite, facing a challenge from former Workforce Commissioner Tom Pauken (R). No announced Democrat so far, although State Senator and media darling Wendy Davis is said to be mulling a race. Lieutenant Governor – Current Senate presiding officer David Dewhurst has announced his intention to run again, although his loss in the U.S. Senate race and the dust-up over abortion laws have clouded his political future. He is facing an unprecedented challenge from within his own party and own chamber from State Senator Dan Patrick (which is already leading to public verbal sparring between the two men from the floor of the Texas Senate). Current Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and current General Land Office Commissioner Jerry Patterson are in the race, along with staunch conservatives.

Attorney General – Three announced candidates are in the race so far: State Sen. Ken Paxton (R), Railroad Commissioner Smith Craddick (R), and State Rep. Dan Branch (R). It is difficult to handicap this contest – all three men bring certain advantages to the race, and there is a wide divergence of opinion among civic leaders about who is the early favorite. Current Attorney General Greg Abbott is widely viewed as the likely candidate so far; include State Sen. Glenn Hegar, retiring State Rep. Harley Hilderbran, former gubernatorial candidate and Tea Party favorite Debra Medina, and former State Rep. Raul Torres. Current Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick has been mentioned as a possible candidate, but the latest intelligence is that she will stay put at the RRC. No Democratic candidate is being widely discussed.

Comptroller – The most prominent candidate preparing to announce for the race is State Rep. Brandon Creighton. Others that have announced or are considering running for the office include former State Rep. Tommy Merritt, State Republican Executive Committee member Eric Opiela, and current Mayor of Uvalde Allen Carnes. General Land Office – This office is being sought by George P. Bush, the son of former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush and the newest standard bearer of the Bush family political legacy. No other candidates are widely discussed.

Although it is too early to make an informed assessment of the Texas Senate or House, there are some obvious early deflections and contentious races in both chambers.

On the Senate side, assuming they stay in their races for higher office, Sen. Dan Patrick and Sen. Ken Paxton will not return. Sen. Hegar drew a four-year term, so he could lose his race for Comptroller and still return to the Senate. Sen. Wendy Davis drew a two-year term, so a run for higher office would exclude her from retaining her Senate seat. Sen. Donna Campbell also has a two-year term and is likely to face a significant challenge.

Rep. John Zerwas (a physician) and Rep. Lois Kolkhorst are the two men from the floor of the Texas House, there are some obvious early deflections and contentious races in both chambers.

What Motivates You?
Martha E. Leatherman, MD, Past President, Texas Academy of Psychiatry

When I am honest with myself, I realize that I am no more virtuous than anyone else, and less virtuous than many (OK, most!). There are so many good and worthy things that I should support, but I do not. It is a common human failing.

Our disagreement springs from a variety of causes. For some, jumping in and lending a hand is simply not in their natures. Others are shy. For others, schedules are filled to bursting with life and work. For some, relaxing at home in front of the TV, or at a golf course or some other leisure activity is much more appealing. Some are concerned about the financial cost involved in supporting a cause. Many simply do not care. If we are honest, most of us act upon a mix of these reasons and feelings. I am more prone to sloth than I am thirsty, but I also have trouble ordering my priorities. Yet, oddly, I have noticed that my busiest friends and colleagues are the first to volunteer when there is a need. I know a young couple who clean houses for a living who packed up and drove to Oklahoma to work for four days helping victims of disaster clean-up. What are these people apart from me? The answer is that something motivates them.

Organized medicine is worthy of support. There are so many issues and concerns which the House of Medicine addresses that anyone can find a cause to incite sufficient passion to act. For those with a passion for strategy and verbal jousting, organized psychiatry has a brilliantly developed legislative advocacy program. For those interested in causes of social justice, advocacy opportunities abound. If you had difficulty deciding between law school and medical school, the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has an active Forensic Psychiatry committee.

Welcoming new members is about building membership! The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians has a sufficient variety of committees, programs, and jobs to incite a passion in anyone. The Texas Academy of Psychiatry, although smaller than the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians, is a dynamic and growing organization within Texas medicine. A member of the Federation of Texas Psychiatry, the Texas Academy of Psychiatry assists in developing strategy plans, legislative focus and strategy, and serves as a voice for psychiatrists in Texas who are not members of the American Psychiatric Association. The Texas Academy of Psychiatry has developed a program of mini-workshops to be held in conjunction with meetings of the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians. The workshops will cover topics ranging from the impact of the new mental health code to deposition preparation, to insurance-free practice.

Although the Texas Academy of Psychiatry is dynamic, it is still a small enough organization that members can strongly influence agenda and activities. Do you crave more networking? Let’s set up a way to do that.

Want information on exotic topics? There is a way to start that process. Of course, unless we have members who share themselves and their ideas, we simply stumble along trying to guess what needs are out there. You should have received a questionnaire from the Academy a while back asking your input for future planning for the organization. If you didn’t return it and still want input, then please contact the Texas Academy of Psychiatry and let your voice be heard.
I am pleased to report that the TSCAP Annual Convention and Scientific Program in Galveston was a great success. The attendance was close to a record level and reflects a six years pattern of strong attendance. It seems the family friendly location, great food, the ability catch up with friends and colleagues and offering high quality of CME credits was a recipe for success. This year’s topics on cyber bullying, standards of care were timely and educational. I would like to give special thanks to all of our speakers, and special thanks to President Thomas Matthews MD, Debbie Sundberg and John Bush whose hard work and dedication made it all happen.

Our Society membership continues to grow with a 5% increase from a decade ago. I am pleased to see we have continued interest from trainees at all levels medical students, general residents and child psychiatry trainees, representing the future of the Society. The one “negative note” from the meeting was a decline this year in revenue compared with prior years. Further exploration revealed this was primarily due to unpaid dues from current members. Although our Society is financially sound, member dues account for approximately half of our revenue and the support of members is vital to our continued ability to function. For existing members, please take a minute to catch up on your dues and as usual help us spread the word by encouraging others to become members. I fully understand that there are many demands on each of us but only with the financial support from members can we continue with our mission of education and advocacy. In the coming year we will continue our work on a number of issues.

As you are well aware this was an important legislative session and the Society in conjunction with our partners in the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians (TSSP) and the Federation of Texas Psychiatry provided strong advocacy for our members, our patients and their families. Highlights from the session include increased state spending on mental health agencies, increased allocation for graduate medical education and a restoration in state education spending. However our work is not done. We need to have an active voice as there are plans for additional scrutiny over the use of psychotropic medication in the foster care population, a need to address ongoing mental health shortages in Texas, the need to continuously educate new legislators, and the need to counter a very active “anti-Psychiatry” movement to name a few. We will need the effort and expertise off all of our members (private, public and academic) to achieve our mission.

We have also started our plans for our next Annual Convention and Scientific Program. Please mark your calendars as this will take place in San Antonio July 16-20, 2014 at the Westin La Cantera Hotel. I hope to rely on our “recipe for success” namely, a family friendly location, great food and activities, and high quality of Continuing Medical Education. The Westin La Cantera has beautiful grounds, pool, restaurants and meeting facilities, with access to two of the best golf courses in the state. It is located within minutes of Fiesta Texas, great shopping and restaurants at The Shops at La Cantera and The Rim shopping center, and excellent hiking at Friedrich Wilderness Park and Eisenhower Park. “But wait there’s more,” you will be only 15 minutes from downtown San Antonio offering easy access to the Riverwalk and the historic missions (including the Alamo). Our preliminary CME topics will again be timely as we plan to provide greater insight into the new DSM-5 Disruptive Mood Dysregulation Disorder, Pharmacology for complex patients, insights into navigating foster care, and challenges of maintaining quality in modern practice. Thanks again for helping to make this a wonderful organization, we greatly value your input and ideas.

TSCAP Elects New Officers

During the Annual Membership Business Meeting of the Texas Society of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry on July 28, election results from the 2013 election were announced, as follows:

- Dawnelle J. Schatte, MD was elected President-Elect for 2013-14; Jodie Trello-Rishel, MD was elected Secretary/Treasurer for 2013-14; Urvaza B. Kelley, MD was re-elected to serve another term as Councilor (2013-16); James D. Norcross, MD was elected to complete the unexpired term of Valerie Robinson, MD as AACPDE Delegate (2012-15); Brightie Y. Bailey, MD was re-elected to another term as AACPDE Delegate (2013-16); Nakia G. Scott, MD was elected to a term (2013-16) as AACPDE Delegate; and Manish Aligeti, MD was elected as an Alternate Delegate to AACP for a three year term (2013-16).

- Rene L. Olvera, MD was inducted as the new TSCAP President for 2013-14 at the conclusion of the Annual Membership Business Meeting.

TSCAP Leadership for 2013-14

OFFICERS
President
Rene Olvera, MD (2013-14)
President-Elect
Dawnelle Schatte, MD (2013-14)
Secretary/Treasurer
Jodie Trello-Rishel, MD (2013-14)
Immediate Past President
Thomas L. Matthews, MD (2013-14)

COUNCILORS
Brightie Y. Bailey, MD (2011-14)
Urvaza B. Kelley, MD (2013-16)
Kirti Saxena, MD (2012-15)

AACPDElegates
Brightie Y. Bailey, MD (2013-16)
Regina Cavanaugh, MD (2012-15)
Benigno J. Fernandez, MD (2011-14)
R. Andrew Harper, MD (2011-14)
James D. Norcross, MD (2012-15)
Nakia Scott, MD (2013-16)
Karen Dianne Wagner, MD, PhD (2012-15)

AACP Alternate DElegates
Manish Aligeti, MD (2013-16)
Steven Pilska, MD (2012-15)
Kirti Saxena, MD (2011-14)

More than just medical professional liability insurance...
ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS ARE INVITED! This year’s Annual Convention and Scientific Program will be held at the newly renovated Westin Memorial City Hotel, 1455 Gessner Road, Houston, TX 77024. Call 1-800-228-3000 or visit www.txpsych.org. Special ‘FREE’ Incentive Offer for TSPP Members in Training. Once again, TSPP is pleased to offer the waiver/refund of the CME Scientific Program registration fee before the discounted cut-off date if the member’s Training Director registers for the Scientific Program. So all Members-in-Training encourage your Training Director to register, and then send you in this registration form, with the name of your Training Director noted, and then plan on attending the Scientific Program ‘FREE’! Offer extended to TSPP and TSCAP Members-in-Training Residents and Fellows who are members of TSPP and/or TSCAP.

MEETING LOCATION/HOTEL RESERVATIONS
Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel
Newly opened, in Spring 2011, the Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel is conveniently connected to Houston’s Galleria Mall and near Memorial City connected to Houston’s Center area, 024 Grille which includes a lively open corridor and the Westchase the hotel is the sophisticated ambiance of Spa Treatments; Rooftop Infinity Pool and Houston skyline and the Westin Workout Fitness Studio. Located on the main floor of the hotel is the sophisticated ambiance of a lit bar with leather stools. Power up your day from a busy day. The lounge features comfortable, over-stuffed sofas and chairs, a flat screen TV— all in an atmosphere conducive to enjoying small bites with your favorite beverages. Enjoy delectable selections from 024 Grille’s full menu, including brick-oven pizzas, truffle fries, and jumbo servings from 024 Grille’s full menu, including brick-oven pizzas, truffle fries, and jumbo.

NOT A MEMBER? JOIN TODAY!
For membership in TSPP and APA: www.psych.org
For membership in Texas Academy of Psychiatry: www.tspp.org
For membership in TSCAP and AACP: www.aacap.org

ACADEMY MINI-WORKSHOP
Dr. Lauren Parsons will be presenting a mini-workshop entitled “Changes in the Texas Mental Health Code” for members of the Texas Academy of Psychiatry on Friday. The workshop will be an informal roundtable and will be held in conjunction with the TSPP Council Meetings so TSPP and Academy members will have an opportunity to intermingle and see aspects of the other organization they might have been unaware of. Please be sure to register and attend!

THURSDAY GOLF OUTING — Polish up on your golf game in an exciting location! For those convention attendees, guests and golf enthusiasts arriving early, TSPP members are arranging a tee time for a group play. If you are interested in playing, please be sure to check out the Golf section box on the TSPP Registration Form. UTMB DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY ALUMNI SOCIETY — (Formerly Titus Harris Society) Schedule of Events UTMB Dept of Psychiatry Alumni Society Executive Council Meeting, Thursday, November 7, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm UTMB Dept of Psychiatry Alumni Society EARLY BIRD PARTY, Thursday, November 7, 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm UTMB Dept of Psychiatry Alumni Society Business and Dinner Meeting, Friday, November 8, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm In addition to UTMB extends a special invitation to the UTMB Department of Psychiatry Alumni Society members to register for the TSPP Annual Convention and attend the Friday Evening Welcome Reception, CME Program, Awards Banquet and other social activities.

SPECIAL EVENTS
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  Foundation Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm  Registration Set Up
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm  MI/T/ECP Program
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm  Executive Council Meeting
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm  Welcome Reception with Exhibitors and Poster Session
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm  UTMB Department of Psychiatry Alumni Society Business and Dinner Meeting
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  TSPP Chapter Leadership Meeting
9:00 am - 5:00 pm  Exhibits Set Up / Poster Session Set Up
12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm  Hospitality Break
12:00 Noon - 3:00 pm  Lunch Program
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm  Exhibits Set Up / Poster Session Set Up
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“Update in Care: Challenges and Practice of Psychiatry” November 8-10, 2013 · Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel · Houston, Texas


M I T  P O S T E R  S E S S I O N
In order to familiarize Texas psychiatrist's with the research efforts and achievements of their colleagues, the TSPP Continuing Medical Education Committee is soliciting scientific posters. The posters need not be especially made for this meeting. Posters presented at the APA or at other scientific meetings within the last year would be appropriate. TSPP’s goal is to support collaborative interaction among the Texas researchers and also to familiarize the general membership about new advances made in the state. The deadline for poster applications is October 20, 2013 and if you present a poster, your registration fee for the Scientific Programs and Saturday lunchen are waived! Please contact tspp@aad.org for a copy of the Poster Application Form.

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“Update in Psychiatric Care: Changes & Challenges in Practice”

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2013

8:00 - 8:30 am
Welcome and Introductions

8:30 - 10:30 am
Attention and Memory Impairments Following Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: New Perspectives on an Old Problem
David B. Arciniegos, MD

Objectives:
• Identify the pre-injury, injury-related, and post-injury factors that contribute to postconcussive symptoms.
• Differentiate between persistent posttraumatic cognitive complaints and findings on objective cognitive assessments.
• Recognize the influence of context and process on cognitive function among persons with mild traumatic brain injury.
• Apply the new perspectives on attention and memory problems following traumatic brain injury to everyday clinical practice.

10:30 - 11:00 am
Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors and Poster Session

11:00 - 1:00 pm
Goodbye Dementia: Hello Major Neurocognitive Disorder
Kevin E. Gray, MD

Objectives:
• List the new DSM-5 criteria for Major Neurocognitive Disorders.
• Unlike the newest diagnostic and treatment modalities.

1:00 - 2:30 pm
Lunch / Business Meeting

2:30 - 3:30 pm
Medical Causes of Hypercalcemia
Rajandall J. Urban, MD

Objectives:
• Distinguish hyperparathyroidism from hypercalcemia of malignancy
• Describe hypercalcemia of granulomatous disease
• Examine all other causes of hypercalcemia

3:30 - 3:50 pm
Refreshment Break w/ Exhibitors and Poster Session

3:50 - 4:50 pm
Summary of the ABPN MOC Program: Life-Long Learning for Psychiatrists
Robert W. Guynn, MD

Objectives:
• To become familiar with the rationale and background of MOC
• To examine all other causes of hypercalcemia
• To learn the 4-part ABPN MOC Program components

4:50 - 5:00 pm
Adjournment

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013

8:30 - 9:00 am
Welcome and Introductions

9:00 - 10:00 am
Theory and Practice of Psychiatric Virtue
John Z. Sadler, MD

Objectives:
• Describe clinician excellence in terms of specific virtues
• Identify examples of gradations of psychiatric virtue
• Describe how psychiatric virtues can be operationalized and practiced

10:00 - 10:15 am
Refreshment Break

10:15 - 12:15 pm
Texas Medical Board Update on Licensing and Enforcement Programs, Relevant Statutory and Rule Changes from the 2013 Legislative Session
Mari Robinson, JD, Executive Director, TMB

Objectives:
• Identify the key components in the Texas physician licensure and registration process.
• Recognize the major steps in the complaint, investigation and discipline processes that apply to Texas physicians.
• Discuss changes from the 83rd Legislative Session affecting Texas physicians.

12:15 - 12:25 pm
Post Test

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM GOAL/TARGET AUDIENCE/LEARNING OBJECTIVES

This live activity has been designed in a format consisting of case study presentations, lectures and direct discussion to provide its primary target audience of Psychiatrists, as well as other specialties of medicine, with the most up-to-date, evidence-based data that can be translated into clinical practice.

Information and data will address, new developments in treatment and new directions in research to address the professional practice gaps of the learners and advance the physicians’ competence and effective use of targeted skills so that they may develop strategies to apply the knowledge, skills and judgement of the information presented in the educational activity into their practice.

The learning objectives for this activity have been designed to address clinician competence.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians designates this Live Activity for a maximum of nine (9) AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians is accredited by the Texas Medical Association to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The presentation “Texas Medical Board Update on Licensing and Enforcement Programs, Relevant Statutory and Rule Changes from the 2013 Legislative Session” has been designated by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians for two (2) hours of education in medical ethics and/or professional responsibility.

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**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

**NOVEMBER 2013**
8-10 Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians 57th Annual Convention and Scientific Program Westin Houston Memorial City Hotel Houston, TX
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**NOVEMBER 2014**
14-16 Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians 50th Annual Convention & Scientific Program Westin Park Central Hotel, Dallas

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